

Licensees Authorized to Administer Vaccines in California + Potential Vaccinators*

List at [Authorized-Licensees \(ca.gov\)](https://www.ca.gov/authorized-licensees)

Licensee	Authorizing Statutes & Regulations	Conditions for Immunizing
Physician and surgeon	www.mbc.ca.gov	May independently initiate
Nurse Practitioner	https://www.rn.ca.gov/pdfs/regulations/bp2834-r.pdf	Under standardized procedures or protocols developed by the nurse practitioner and the supervising physician.
Physician Assistant	https://www.pab.ca.gov/ https://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Physicians and Surgeons/Physician Assistants.aspx	When immunization is delegated in writing by a supervising physician, who is available in person or by electronic communication.
Registered Nurse, Licensed Vocational Nurse	https://www.rn.ca.gov/ https://www.rn.ca.gov/pdfs/regulations/npr-i-15.pdf	- Under supervision, or - Independently, using standard procedures or protocols signed by a licensed prescribing physician or nurse practitioner
Nursing Student	16 California Code of Regulation (CCR) 1426.1(b)(4)(B)(2).	Preceptor must be present and available on the patient care unit the entire time the student is rendering nursing services.
Medical Assistant	Business and Professions Code (BPC) § 2069	- Under written order by physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or Certified Nurse Midwife - Supervisor must be onsite
Pharmacist	BPC § 4052(a)(11) BPC § 4052.8(a) 16 CCR § 1746.4	- May independently initiate and administer ACIP vaccines to persons age at least 3 years - May administer immunizations to all ages pursuant to a protocol with a prescriber
Pharmacy Technicians	Federal HHS Guidance (supersedes state law) https://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/legal/prepact/Documents/pharmacist-guidance-COVID19-vaccines-immunity.pdf Executive Order N-39-20 https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-	- Guidance from Federal HHS authorized pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines and explicitly supersedes any state law to the contrary - Director of DCA has authority to amend the scope of practice for pharmacy technicians

	content/uploads/2020/03/3.30.20-EO-N-39-20.pdf	Board of Pharmacy has submitted a waiver for pharmacy technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccines ordered by a supervising pharmacist to persons age 3 years+
Paramedic (excluding EMTs)	https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2017/10/Scope-of-Practice-Documents-Current.12.11.18.pdf , page 54	- During a public health emergency - Requires approval by the director of the local EMS Authority
EMTs	Executive Order N-25-20 https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.12.20-EO-N-25-20-COVID-19.pdf	- Director of EMSA has authority to implement additions to local optional scopes of practice, which could include EMT scope of practice - SOP temporarily expanded for all California National Guard EMTs
Dentists	DCA Order Waiving Restrictions on Dentists Relating to Ordering and Administering COVID-19 Vaccines https://www.dca.ca.gov/licensees/dca_20_104.pdf (dated 1/4/21)	- May independently prescribe and administer COVID-19 vaccines to persons age 16 years and older - Must complete immunization training programs through the CDC - Comply with federal and state recordkeeping and reporting requirements - Vaccine is administered in accordance with any applicable FDA emergency use authorization
Optometrists	BPC § 3041(g)(1)	- Must complete immunization training program - Currently only authorized to administer influenza, herpes zoster virus, and pneumococcus vaccines
Podiatrists	N/A	- BPC § 2472 would require a legislative change to authorize vaccine administration As of 1/7/21: CPMA has requested a waiver from DCA for COVID-19 vaccine prescription and administration authority
Students (medical or pharmacy)		Varies by license type, student status, supervision requirements, and school

**Provider scope of practice issues are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Consumer Affairs. CDPH does not license these professions. CDPH defers to DCA for comprehensive, authoritative legal review of provider authority to administer vaccines.*